MR. G. MALLANAH, MYSORE RURAL CONSTITUENCY.—

Q.—20. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How many grant-in-aid schools were abolished in the last two years and how many Government schools were started instead?

(*b*) How many villages were thereby deprived of schools?

(*c*) How many boys were left without primary education?

(*d*) Are the Government willing to re-establish the grant-in-aid schools or increase their number till funds permit the opening of Government schools in their places?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(*a*) Leaving out of consideration the grant-in-aid schools that are not working for various reasons, 338 grant-in-aid schools were abolished and 364 Government schools were established instead.

(*b*) Six villages were deprived of schools but these villages are within a radius of one mile from the newly sanctioned Government schools.

(*c*) No boy in these villages is left without primary education, but the people should make use of the existing facilities for education as Government schools are sanctioned instead of aided schools and as passed and trained teachers are appointed instead of unpassed candidates.

(*d*) Government in their Order No. 4916-19—Edn. 463-22-4, dated 4th April 1924 have ordered the revival of 261 aided schools which have been closed down till now as unsatisfactory ones, and the proposals are being worked out by the Department.